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News Summary.

Foreign.—Mr. Gladstone made at French performances in Madagascar. Oscar Wilde lectures in London about his American experiences; hope he told 'em all!—Comte de Chambord sinking—American riflemen practicing at Wimbledon, with good scores.—Railway bridge from France to England; no tunnel—but probably no bridge.—House of Lords adverse to Irish Land Act.—Famine and cholera at Danietta; cholera follows great routes of travel—not likely to come here this year.—Mr. Bradlaugh again set upon by House of Commons.—Zukertort, chess champion, intends to make a year's tour.—Fighting in Ecuador.—Catholic hierarchy of Ireland denounce "assisted" emigration, as far as State aid goes.—Bradlaugh says he will take his seat.—Conflict between Minister Sargent and German papers concerning importation of American pork.

Domestic.—Abp. Purcell buried at Cincinnati.—Grand Jury visit Ludlow Street Jail.—National Amateur Press Association in convention.—Riotous miners at Ely, Vt.—City Electrician of Chicago cuts electric light wires; never thought they wanted too much light on their ways, and now we know it.—National Archery Tournament near Cincinnati.—Lorillard's horses come home.—Swedish bark at New Orleans with yellow fever.—Plagued Guitaues at the surface; the female Scoville suing her husband for the assassin's effects.—National Educational Association at Saratoga.—West Shore R. R. opened to Albany.—Tenement house inspectors begin their work in N. Y. city.—"Corneel" Vanderbilt's debts paid; and the payment trumpeted abroad.—T. Connelly vilified by Bridget Connolly at Southington, Conn.—Iron steamboats abandon old pier at Coney Island.—War Department keeps the Apache prisoners.—Marie Litta, the singer, dead at Bloomington, Ill.—Graduates of Williams' College protest against free-trade teachings there; time for Yale to follow suit.—Knox-Sheahan duel an old story, involved in a mist of doubt.—Umpire's jaw broken by a ball at a base ball match in Brooklyn; peace bath her heroes, etc.—Commissioner Evans has revoked appointment of Horton as internal revenue agent.—Surveys commenced for Eads's ship canal across the Isthmus.—Quebec authorities deny that pauper immigrants enter the States by way of the Dominion.—Oranmen at Patterson had a free fight on the 13th.—First Universalist Church at Erie, Pa., abandons that faith and becomes Unitarian.

About Town.

The net proceeds of the joint Catholic excursion last week were about \$700. Of this amount, about \$350 go to the Church of the Sacred Heart.

On Monday last, passengers on the railroad were both surprised and pleased to notice that the north bound trains were running on the new track. The road bed is very well ballasted, and there is much less rocking and swaying of the cars than on the old track.

Mr. George Geit has recently bought a lot 50 feet front, on Broad Street, adjoining the property of Dr. J. A. Davis, upon which he intends soon to build a brick shop for a bakery. Mr. Geit is at present located at Montclair, but has many of his best customers in our own village. A number of similar lots are for sale, and would make excellent business sites.

A gentleman in town, feeling the need of out-door recreation, expressed his willingness to purchase a horse. He had not long to wait. A neighbor came leading an animal whose sides resembled the ridges of a patent wash-board, and whose projecting corners might answer for a hat rack. The would-be purchaser surveyed the animal for a moment, then remarked: "My friend, he's pretty well lathered. If I were you, I would put on the plaster now."

On Monday last Judge McCarty, of Newark, sentenced John Mack, of this place, an old offender at wife beating, to one year in the State prison. His wife was in court and unsuccessfully worked for his release. A short time ago, while Mack was serving a term at Caldwell for a similar offence, he wrote to his wife that he was enjoying himself, was occupying a pretty cell which had been lately renovated and decorated, and in other ways spoke pleasantly of his position. Possibly his sojourn at Trenton will not be so agreeable.

Concert extraordinary! Those who wish to enjoy this singular entertainment will please get up before breakfast and take seats on the fence near Peabody's organ factory. As the six o'clock whistle begins to blow, they will notice two dogs, one white the other black, take positions in the road, and with great earnestness set up a loud and prolonged yell, continuing this until the last note of the whistle has died away on the morning air. Those are knowing dogs

We would remind our friends of the Battery Company that a thing is not well done until it is entirely completed. The paper and wads left blowing about the Common on Fourth of July are still there, to the great disfigurement of the Park and the annoyance of passers by.

The plate-glass window in Mr. T. E. Hayes's store, which was broken on the Fourth of July, has been replaced at a cost of something over \$50. Daner wishes us to say that the glass was paid for the day it was broken, and before any demand was made on him for payment.

The story of "Jack and the Beanstalk" was rivalled in the notes of our last issue. The ss broken at Brookside changed from three dollars to three hundred dollars with a suddenness that was positively alarming. The boys have been seen, and prefer paying to fighting.

The disgraceful street brawl on July 3d has resulted in one of the bondsmen for the constable appearing before the Town Committee and requesting to be released from his bond. On motion his request was granted. From this it would appear that the constable is no longer a legal holder of the office.

The building, corner of Orange St. and Bloomfield Ave., occupied as a grocery store by Messrs. Hemstreet & Harrison, is being enlarged, evidently to accommodate the growing business of these two enterprising young men. We wish them success.

The man was drunk and wanted money. By hard work he had earned it, but his employer was inexorable. "Not a penny until you are sober, then you can have it all." But the poor fellow was dry. He must have it—and so began to beg. At last, overcome by the logic of the situation, he exclaimed, "Oh! well, talk is cheap, but it takes money to buy beer."

Young gentlemen who escort young ladies on canal boat excursions ought never to wear their best clothes, because when a young lady slips off into the water, the young gentleman's courage is hampered by his Sunday-go-to-meeting suit, and he lingers on the brink while a stalwart deck hand plunges to the rescue. Now, if he had only had on his ordinary garments, how gladly—etc.

The homestead of the late Mr. Joseph Fairbanks is undergoing extensive repairs. Dormer windows have been placed in the roof, new glass in the front windows, with extensive internal repairs of which outsiders get only occasional glimpses through the open doors. A new fence, which is free from ugly corners, adds much to the appearance of the place.

The Town Committee deserve credit for the tidy appearance of the streets. Upon all the principal avenues the grass has been removed from the gutters and the refuse dirt carted away. Private parties have also done much in front of their own doors. In this particular our town has shown a marked improvement the past year, as may be seen by any one driving through the village.

The meeting for the appropriation of money for school purposes will be held at the Centre School-house on Monday evening. The sum of \$8,000 is asked for school purposes, and \$3,000 additional for the payment of mortgage indebtedness. A report will also be read by the clerk, showing the present condition and needs of the school. Every one interested in the prosperity of the school should be present.

On one of the little lakes in the suburbs, a pretty scene was witnessed on Tuesday afternoon. Over the silvery water, many ships were sailing; while on either shore eager parties of children were watching their varying fortunes. Each successful arrival was warmly greeted, while the tempest tossed, water-logged, and wrecked brought disappointment and sorrow to those who had hopefully committed them to the waters. So each undertaking in life is eagerly watched, and ends in gladness or sorrow.

Personal.

Miss Belle Bovee is stopping at East Greenwich, R. I.

Mr. Henry Rassbach and Mr. Chas. E. Russell will spend the coming week at the Lake View House, Lake Hopatcong.

Mr. Amzi Taylor has just received \$2,200 from the Government as back pension. He has our congratulations.

Mrs. J. M. Seago and Mrs. P. E. Carnichael, of Augusta, Ga., sisters of Mr. R. M. Stiles, are in Bloomfield, visiting their mother.

Mr. Benjamin Haskell has gone to Michigan to look into the value of some lead mines, in which he is interested. Mr. Henry P. Dodd is also absent in the West on his annual business trip.

Rev. E. A. Meury, of Hudson City, who recently graduated from the German Theological seminary, was sunstruck on Friday last. We are glad to be able to announce that he is improving, though not yet able to be about.

The rush for the country still continues, with Monticello far in the van. Some twenty past or present residents of our village will spend their vacation

in this charming spot this summer. Among those who are soon to go are Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Pierson, Mr. Horace Pierson, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Farrand.

Any one knowing the present address of Mary L. Childs and John P. Stevens, formerly of Bloomfield, will confer a favor on them by sending address to office of THE CITIZEN.

Watessing Items.

Mr. Frederick A. Pilch has gone to Rochester, N. Y., to spend some two months in the hope of recuperating his health.

Rev. Daniel I. Edwards, rector of St. Paul's Church, who was stricken with paralysis some six months since, is slowly recovering.

The excursion of the Watessing M. E. Church to Ocean Grove on the 5th inst. was a very pleasant and successful affair. The next receipts were about \$100.

Seventy-five dollars has been expended for a new library for the Watessing M. E. Sunday-school. It contains about one hundred choice books.

The hat trade is again reviving. A number of new hands have been taken on at the factories.

Rev. J. Cowens, pastor of the Watessing M. E. Church, has greatly improved the appearance of the grounds at the church and parsonage by planting flowers, etc.

On Tuesday night, about 10 P. M., three young rowdies from Orange passed through Watessing, destroying gas-lamps, fences, gates, signs, etc. Mr. Daley and Capt. Hart were among the sufferers.

The Del., Laek & West. R. R. Co. have evidently abandoned the idea of making any change in the depot at this station. If the company can stand the disgrace of maintaining that wretched shanty for a longer period, their patrons will not object.

The East Orange Town Committee have caused gas mains to be extended, and are erecting lamps up to the Bloomfield line on Dodd Street. It is hoped that our township authorities will light up the small space between the depot and the brook, thereby forming a connection between the two townships. Three or four lamps will do it.

Belleville Gas.

The name Belleville signifies "beautiful village."—What's in a name?—Belleville was settled by the Dutch about two hundred years ago.—It has remained settled ever since.

It was the intention of the authorities to pave the streets with gravel this year.—A certain other place is paved with good intentions.

Belleville is well connected with the metropolis by two railways and a waterway.—Some of its other ways are not good ways, especially its highways.

The town contains four electric lights.—This is not gas.

There are four large manufacturing in town.—There are also three old mills in ruins and one standing idle. Honors are even.

The churches are well filled on Sundays.—So are the fields on the outskirts with ball players.

Six new houses have been erected in Montgomery (alias Soho) in the last twenty years.—About the same number are rotting away. Property owners inform us that by and by real estate will experience a boom. That "sweet buy and buy" is a long time a coming.

Some parties are again "viewing" the Adams Mill property. It has been looked at a good many times.—No luck there until those pins are found which the old woman buried when she cursed the place, and said: "Bad luck attend ye till them pins sees the light o' day."

Belleville was never noted for anything in particular, if we might except the great quantities of those delicious little fish known as Passaic smelts, which once were so plentiful, but which, alas! have departed for pastures new.

Vare, oh, vare is dem little fish gone? There vone vas plenty for all, They soot 'em around for tri cent a point, Unt now you don't got 'em at all, Unt pinch off de heads, unt you twist off de tails, Unt schwallow dem down at a bite, Dey vas better as bass, unt vas sweeter as shad, To let dose fish go vas not right.

The good points of Belleville are as follows: A beautiful river, fine railway facilities, splendid building sites, good churches and schools, excellent water privileges, extensive views, one paved avenue, two well managed hose companies, and last but not least, pleasant, sociable people, and NO MALARIA.—Its bad points are narrow, dirty streets, uneven sidewalks, no suitable halls for public use, too many rumholes, too much taxation for the benefits received, too many dogs, pigs, and geese; too little energy properly directed; too many Tammany Democrats who want to run the town; too many Republicans who stay away from primary meetings, and too much wrangling over trivial affairs.

Belleville's day is yet to come. When Brookdale is almost exclusively an agricultural neighborhood. The recent warm days and abundant showers have been very favorable for the farmers, and despite the late, cold spring, there is prospect of an abundant harvest. Already the growers of small fruits are reaping a golden reward for their care and labors, and the enthusiastic truck raiser sees (prospectively) the Trade dollars, at eighty-five cents apiece, filling the usual nail keg in the corner of the cellar. The Colorado beetle is defeated, the currant and root worm are outgeneraled, and soon the single wagon-loads of green stuff or berries will give place to the trains of heavy two-horse trucks loaded every day in the week, including Sundays, with corn, potatoes, or melons for the Newark and New York markets.

Bloomfield and Montclair are finished, perhaps seekers after desirable locations will discover the beauties that lie hidden in the valley of the Passaic, and start the ancient town on the road to prosperity. GASBAG.

Silver Lake.

The young people of the Silver Lake neighborhood, realizing the importance of mutual culture, have recently organized a Young People's Literary and Musical Society. The officers are W. H. Smith, President; Louis Kimball, Secretary; Chas. A. Hubbs, Treasurer.

The society held their first public meeting on Tuesday evening, at the residence of Mr. S. S. Kimball. The meeting was in every way encouraging and creditable.

Following is the programme: Piano solo, Mrs. King.

Recitation, "Beautiful Snow," Mrs. Davis.

Recitation, "The Rabbit Kitten," Artie Kimball.

Reading, "Bernardo del Carpio," Louis Kimball.

Recitation, "What the Old Man Said," Miss Gussie Smith.

Piano solo, Miss Alice Bingham.

Reading, "The Fireman's Prayer," W. H. Smith.

Recitation, "The Open Door," Nettie Kimball.

Reading, "The Raven," James F. Percy.

Reading, "Paul Revere's Ride," Miss H. Franks.

Duet, "Mr. and Mrs. Brown," Mr. and Mrs. Hubbs.

Reading, "The Baldheaded Man," W. H. Smith.

Brookdale Letter.

Brookdale is almost exclusively an agricultural neighborhood. The recent warm days and abundant showers have been very favorable for the farmers, and despite the late, cold spring, there is prospect of an abundant harvest. Already the growers of small fruits are reaping a golden reward for their care and labors, and the enthusiastic truck raiser sees (prospectively) the Trade dollars, at eighty-five cents apiece, filling the usual nail keg in the corner of the cellar. The Colorado beetle is defeated, the currant and root worm are outgeneraled, and soon the single wagon-loads of green stuff or berries will give place to the trains of heavy two-horse trucks loaded every day in the week, including Sundays, with corn, potatoes, or melons for the Newark and New York markets.

Recent improvements in fertilizers have made fine farming more practicable, while the railroad, canal, and heavy teams are employed enriching the soil by moving compost matter to an extent that would cause a local Rip Van Winkle to doubt his identity or the sanity of the present generation.

For the inhabitant of that part of our town nearest the pole (we mean the North Pole, not the pole on the Park) finds it advisable to eschew old style farming, and instead of living on the products of his own farm with very few wants besides, he is now looking after something that brings the ready cash to meet the exigencies of the situation. He speaks feelingly as one afflicted of paying for gas that gives no light on his nocturnal wanderings, of water he has no use for, and a Park which is of no financial benefit to him.

WIDE AWAKE.

The Meeting of the Township Committee.

The regular meeting of the Township Committee, which had been deferred because of the Fourth of July being a holiday, was held on Wednesday evening. All the members of the committee were present.

As the contract with the Orange Water Company was to be presented for consideration, there were also present Messrs. Shepard, Mann, Kingsley, and Superintendent Oleott, representing the Water Company, besides a number of citizens, including Judge Dodd, J. C. Beach, W. R. Weeks, Robert Peelle, Jos. K. Oakes, Geo. S. Porter, and others.

A draft of the contract was then read by Mr. Barrett, the town counsel, after which the gentlemen present were invited to give their views upon its terms and conditions. The only section which elicited much discussion was the one providing for sprinkling streets.

This was considered of great importance, and its provisions were closely scrutinized.

Judge Dodd explained that while no apprehension was felt as to receiving fair and just treatment at the hands of the present managers of the Water Company, still in his judgment the contract as drawn gave the township no voice or control of the water to be supplied for that purpose, and left them to rely entirely upon the good faith and fair dealing of the company.

That although he should feel as safe in the hands of these gentlemen as any whom he knew, he thought the Town Committee in making this contract for the public ought not to take anything for granted, but should see to it that the contract fully expressed the plain meaning and intentions and rights of both parties.

Mr. Shepard in his reply stated that he knew that the company intended to give the township an adequate supply of water for sprinkling streets, and he thought the contract was sufficiently clear on that point. He felt very desirous that the contract should not vary in any important respect from the one made with East Orange.

It was evident that the difference was not as regards the intentions of the Water Company in this respect, but as to how

those intentions should be expressed in the contract.

Two new drafts of the fourth section were then proposed and considered, and it was decided to postpone the execution of the contract for one week, at which time it is believed an agreement will be reached. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Beach, Mr. Shepard stated that the company intended to lay six inch mains through Bloomfield Ave., Glenwood Ave., Broad St., Belleville Ave., and other thoroughfares, and four inch mains would be laid through the shorter and side streets.

Mr. Peelle inquired as to the terms upon which connection would be made with private houses. It was stated that the company will do all the work up to the inside wall of the house; that half inch pipe will be used.

Such a pipe will discharge fourteen gallons of water each minute under the pressure which they maintain.

The charge for furnishing and putting in such a pipe is \$20 from the main to the curb, and about 50 cents per foot between the curb and the house. This includes all digging, also stop-cock and box at the curb, which is controlled by the company, and a stop-cock inside the house, which is controlled by the consumer.

It was shown that these regulations were substantially those made by other water companies, and their reasonable character was admitted.

The Town Committee then voted to renew the gas contract for another year, at the same price—\$3,800.

Mr. Peter Geib gave notice that he desired to withdraw from his position as surety on the official bond of Constable Richard Maxwell, who was placed under arrest on July 4th for committing an assault upon another constable, who was engaged in suppressing a disturbance.

The Town Committee directed the Clerk to notify Maxwell that Mr. Geib had withdrawn from his bond, and forbid him to perform the duties of his office. The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday, the 18th inst.

Pretty Thoroughly Mixed.

One of our citizens was accosted a day or two since by a pretty hard-looking pilgrim with the question, "Plaze, sor, what foime might it be?" "It's about a quarter after six," was the answer. "An' is it marnin' for avenin' that it is?" said the h. l. p. "Evening," replied the gentleman. And so it was, though the h. l. p. hadn't mastered the idea.

A Timely Suggestion.

An old resident from up-town, while riding by the Park the other morning, accosted a CITIZEN reporter with the question:

"How many men do you suppose there are in town who know any trees except elms and maples?"

The reporter, not being a member of the Census Bureau, and having never been school examiner, replied that the conundrum was too hard for him.

"Stumped?" said O. R. "Well, not more than two in a hundred. If I had my way, I'd root out all the trees in the Green, except those on the edges, and I'd plant chestnuts and other trees from our woods, so that people'd have a chance to learn something about the trees that grow in the world."

O. R. replied: "That's a good idea; I'll print it in the paper."

O. R.—"Well, just say that some folks think that chestnut trees can't be transplanted. They are a hard tree to make grow; but take small ones and dig them up carefully, and don't be in a hurry while setting them out, and they'll grow, or, if you sow a few chestnuts they'll come along in good time. Now that the Green is so much improved, you can make it the pleasantest resort around here by just a little work that won't cost anything; there's plenty of people will give trees, and others will bring and set them out for nothing. You have stopped base-ball, croquet, and tennis, and you ought to give the people something instead."

CIT. REP.—"Yes, but chestnut trees don't seem to be a fair exchange for pleasant games."

O. R.—"That's so; but hear me out. You could make some paths for folks to stroll along. Then (pointing to three already made, and forgetting his error in his earnestness)—they is straight and were made to accommodate the people in Monroe Place when they want to cross the Green. But you ought to have something for the rest of the town. Give 'em some winding walks, and all kinds of trees to learn about and enjoy. But I must be getting along. Good morning. Don't forget to put it in the paper. Get up, old Dun!" And away he drove, leaving his hearer food for thought.

Now that "The Green"—as the old citizens love to call it—is so greatly improved, we begin to see a few of its capacities. The suggestion about trees is a capital one; not merely that the people, old and young, of the village may learn the names of our native trees, but that they may enjoy their variety and beauty. It would not be necessary or desirable, at first, to remove any of the trees now standing; but let there be planted in the vacant spaces native trees from our own woods; when these are grown, removing may begin.

The beech is a fine tree, symmetrical, sturdy, with bright, regular leaves. There are many varieties of oak that can easily be raised from the acorn. About twenty years ago an acorn was dropped in the front yard of a house in this town; it grew, and now there is in that yard a native tree far more beautiful than any allanthus or catalpa ever was. How many of our readers realize the height and symmetry of the white-wood, the sturdiness of the hickory and the sycamore, the gracefulness of the pendulous branches of the tamarack, or the richness of the birch? Are there many trees more elegant for their dark glossy foliage than the sweet-gum and the pepperidge?

There are many other smaller trees, and a large variety of shrubs that could easily be placed in the Park. If the Town Committee would put the matter into the hands of a few capable men, this minor work (minor in comparison with the great work already done) could be steadily carried forward, year after year, until the Bloomfield Park becomes the attraction of this section of the country.

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\$4.50 Boys' All Wool Suits, long Pants.

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